

INTERPRETIVE MEMORANDUM 2001 - 7

To: Licensed Architects
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Approved by: Mark Gates,
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Date: April 27, 2001

Re: Local Fire Department Confirmation of Proposed Fire Department
Connections and Fire Hydrants

For the past few years, this office has included the following requirement on all fire protection system reviews involving proposed fire department connections ("FDC") and fire hydrants ("FH"):

13:4-15.2.1 and 24:2-6.9 Locations for proposed fire department connection(s) ("FDC") and fire hydrant(s) ("FH") within this scope of work shall be acceptable to the local fire department. Submit to the SFM Inspector a statement from the local fire department, that the FDC and FH as proposed are acceptable. Statement to acknowledge proposed outlet diameters, fitting type and thread type, indicating compatibility with local fire department equipment. In lieu of a signed statement, the local fire department may indicate review of the FDC and FH by stating such on the shop drawings bearing the State Fire Marshal review stamp.

This office continues to receive notice that building owners and professionals of record are not providing the required statement of approval from the local fire department.

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New fire protection systems are being installed with locations of the FDC's and FH's in adverse locations jeopardizing use of these devices. ***Therefore, this office has no recourse but to revise the current policy and to require proof of review and approval by the local fire department for locations of proposed FDC's and FH's prior to application of the State Fire Marshal review stamp*** on the submitted fire protection system plans. This new requirement will be administered via the following review comment:

13:4-15.2.1 and 24:2-6.9 Locations for proposed fire department connection(s) ("FDC") and fire hydrant(s) ("FH") within this scope of work shall be acceptable to the local fire department. The applicant, either the professional of record if required by LA R.S. 37:155 otherwise the owner, shall submit to this office a statement from the local fire department stating that the FDC(s) and FH(s) as proposed are acceptable. The submitted statement shall acknowledge proposed locations, outlet diameters, fitting type and thread type, indicating compatibility with local fire department equipment. In lieu of a signed statement, the local fire department may indicate review and acceptability of the FDC(s) and FH(s) by stating such on the drawings to be reviewed by the State Fire Marshal provided that the local fire department addresses confirmation of each item noted above.

The requirement for approval of proposed FDC(s) and FH(s) shall not deter publishing of the associated review letter and the review will not be rejected based on a submittal made without the local fire department's approval. However, the submittal drawings shall not be stamped by this office until such time as this office receives confirmation that the local fire department approves the locations for all proposed FDC(s) and FH(s).

This revised policy shall be in effect 45 days from the date of this Interpretive Memorandum.

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cc: Sherri Montagnino, Imaging Files

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